(ख) केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्य (भारतीय खाद्य निगम के गोदाम से)	निम्न तारीख से प्रभावी	(रुपये प्रति क्विंटल) साधारण	बढ़िया	उत्तम
(क) चावल	24-6-1990 तक	244	304	325
	25-6-1990 से	289	349	370
	28-12-1991 से	377	437	458
	11-1-1993 से	437	497	518
(ख) गेहूं	30-4-1990 तक	204		
	1-5-1990 से	234		
	28-12-1991 से	280		
	11-1-1993 से	330		

Export of Rice by FCI

2080. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has undertaken series of export deals for rice to various countries during the past three years ;

(b) whether demand of Indian rice in Sri Lanka, Mauritius and Europe has increased ;

(c) if so, the details of such export deals executed so for either by Food Corporation of India or by its various other agencies ;

(d) what steps have been taken to ensure remunerative price for Indian rice ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) Food Corporation of India has not undertaken any export deal of rice to any country during the last three years. However, a small quantity of rice was supplied to Nepal and Cuba.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Commerce has fixed minimum export price for both basmati and non-basmati rice. No exports by private trade can, therefore, take place on F.O.B. Prices less than the minimum support prices. This ensures a remunerative price for the Indian rice which is being exported.

Committee on National Food Policy

2081. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report from the Committee headed by Tamil Nadu Civil Supply Minister to formulate National Food Policy ;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the said report ; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) A Committee of Ministers of Food & Civil Supplies of three States, headed by the Tamil Nadu Minister for Food & Co-operation has been set up for formulating recommendations regarding the National Policy on Public Distribution System (PDS). The committee has been holding discussions with State Governments and representatives of Political Parties to seek their views on the proposed National Policy on PDS. The Committee has now been given time till 31st May, 1993 to submit its report.

Licence for New Sugar Mills

2082. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given licences for a number of new sugar mills as well as for expansion of existing sugar factories ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some grantees are unable to implement their projects because financial institutions are hesitant to give loans to them treating their projects to be non-viable projects ; and

(d) if so, whether Government will issue instructions to the financial institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) During the sugar year 1992-93 (October-September), no letter of intent for setting up of new sugar mills or for expansion of existing sugar factories have been granted so far.

(c) and (d) Arrangement of finances and implementation of the construction work of new sugar factories are primarily the responsibility of the entrepreneurs. Government have, however, taken up with the financial instiutions the matter regarding grant of finances to new sugar factories.

Shortage of Food in the Country

2083. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural experts have warned of food shortage in the country during the next five or ten years ;

(b) if so, the basis of their warning; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The compound growth rate of foodgrains during 1980-81 to 1991-92 was observed to be 2.95 per cent per annum which is quite significant. Government will make all endeavour to maintain such a trend in the coming years and no shortage is, therefore, anticipated.

Storage capacity of C.W.C.

2084. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what was the storage capacity of the Central Warehousing Corporation as on 31st October, 1992;

(b) what was the average capacity utilisation during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) what was the net profit of the Corporation for the year 1991-92 as Compared to 1990-91 and the profit expected during the year 1992-93;

(d) what is the outlay proposed for the year 1993-94;